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What Is Life?

To live and then to die,
To joy and then to sorrow;
To laugh and then to cry,
And endless trouble borrow.
To win and then to lose,
To love and then to part;
To know grief's heavy pangs,
To bear an anguished heart.
To work and daily strive
The goal of life to win;
To grasp with selfish greed
The fruits of wayward sin.
To feel a thirst for more
Than earth can ever give;
To live and then to die,
And to forever live.
—Christian Intelligencer.

Things In General, Some Things In Particular.

The Prophetic Age.—Of the making of books there is no end. The same can be said of papers. A new one has appeared under the above title, of good size for binding, neatly printed, and well filled; J. B. Lair and I. D. Bowman publishers. Its object is: 'To investigate the prophecy of the Bible, the kingdom of God, the Millennium, and kindred subjects, and awaken a greater devotion to the salvation of the human family.' The object is a good one, our brethren are in earnest, and I wish them abundant success.

Yet, I cannot help but think that if there had been a department opened in the EVANGELIST, and these subjects investigated and studied, under the direction of our brethren, that all could have taken part without going away from the paper, while I certainly wish such was the case, none will be more interested than myself in The Prophetic Age.

No Strife Up Here.—The British workman relates the following: It is said that an old Scotch elder had once a serious dispute with his minister at an elders' meeting. He said some things that nearly broke the minister's heart. Afterward he went home, and the minister went home, too. The next morning the elder came down, and his wife said to him: 'Ye look sad, John, what is the matter with ye?' 'Ah,' he replied 'you would look sad, too, if you had such a dream as I have. I dreamed that I had been at the elders' meeting, and had said some hard things and grieved the minister; and when he went home I thought he died and went to heaven; and when I got to the gate of heaven, out came the minister and put out his hand to take me, saying: "Come along, John, there's nae strife up here; I'm happy to see ye." The elder went to his minister directly, to beg his pardon, and found he was dead. The elder was so stricken with the blow that two weeks after he also departed. 'And I should not wonder,' said he who related the incident, 'if he met the minister at heaven's gate, and heard him say: "Come along John, there's nae strife up here."'

It Paid To Be A Dog.—If the following be true, some dogs fare better than some persons:

'Baron de Jouarre, who died in Paris a few months ago, bequeathed the whole of his fortune,

amounting to \$30,000, to Tiger, his faithful Danish mastiff. According to the provisions of the will, a family residence is to be purchased in one of the suburbs, in which the dog is to take up his quarters. A male attendant and a charwoman are appointed to look after the dog and keep the house in order, and will be paid for their services an annual salary of \$400 each, together with free lodgings. Every little contingency has been provided for. A small sum has been set apart for the apothecary and the veterinary surgeon; every year Tiger is to be furnished with a new rug, and in spring and summer with fresh collars of elegant design. At the demise of the noble animal \$200 are to be spent on a gravestone, and the house and the capital to become the property of the Society for the Protection of Animals.'

A Preacher Appreciated.—Quite a company surprised Bro. Josiah Keim, at Louisville, Ohio, a few days ago, and it amounted to sixty or seventy dollars. I would liked to have been there and seen Bro. Keim's eyes twinkle as he began to take in the situation. The Louisville church is looking for a pastor, and they deserve a good one. They have had a good one and the preacher has had a good helper in his wife, Sister Sarah. The field is ripe there, and a good work can be done by the right man, not only in Louisville, but in the region round about. The church has a good wheel horse in Bro. Louis Hang. He pulls nobly, and a band of willing workers can there be found; yet the laborers are few when we look at the harvest field.

The Story Of Jesus At Work.—I learned yesterday of a conversion that occurred from reading the story of Jesus, and I confess it made me feel good. This was the object in publishing the work. Any book of 80 pages, and 18 illustrations could not have money for the publisher. If the people in the Brethren church appreciated the work, they alone could sell one hundred thousand copies. We have several agents who have sold over four thousand copies in their own personal canvass. The book is going, and we are sending more copies into Ohio than any other state in the union. They know a good thing when they see it. If Cyrus Hegler reads this, I know he will get off a smile. I congratulate you brethren at Fairview on your meeting.

A Bit Of Good Advice.—The Golden Rule has this sensible advice to 'a minister looking for a parish': 'Take the first place that opens to you, however small the parish and meager the salary. It may not be at all commensurate with your gifts of education. Nevertheless, take it; do conspicuously good work just there; labor for those people as you would have labored for that church at Metropolisville, which did not call you; preach every Sunday the best sermons that six days of hard labor can furnish, and it will not be long be-

fore you are called to a wider field, and that church which wants a pastor, will settle you, let us hope, for life.' The young preacher who expects to jump into a large church, and swing into success at once, generally gets left. It is best to start humble and climb by degrees to the top round.

What Some Men Say About Dancing.—

1. I can not ask my heavenly Father to bless me while dancing, and I will not engage in anything upon which I can not ask his blessing.

2. 'Whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus.' I can not dance in this holy name.

3. 'Whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God,' and I can not glorify his name in the dance, hence, I will not dance.

4. I would be unwilling to die while engaged in the dance, and I will not do anything, in the performance of which, I should be ashamed to die.

5. I will not permit my child to go anywhere, or do anything, that the purest character on earth could not go or do, without receiving a stain upon his garments.

JOHN DUKE McFADEN.

Miami Valley Items.

On Saturday, the 27th, in accordance with a promise made four weeks previous, I went to Pleasant Hill. I found my successor, Bro. Isaac Kilhefner, doing a noble work. He had been holding a week's meeting, and up to the above date eleven had come out on the Lord's side. Considering everything, this was a glorious boom for the Lord. Beside the five that came out four weeks ago, this made an addition of sixteen. Bro. Kilhefner's throat was in a bad condition, so much so that he was entirely unable to talk with any degree of comfort. I went there in the hope and with the determination to hear our brother preach; but, alas! I was disappointed and compelled to give him a chance to rest up. This caused me to preach on Saturday evening and Sunday morning. On the invitation on Saturday evening four more came out, and on Sunday morning one more. This raised the number to 21. After services on Sunday morning twelve of the above applicants were baptized.

This visit did me lots of good. It is quite a pleasure to visit a congregation for which one has preached so long. And when, as in this instance, the majority united with the church under our preaching, it increases the joy considerably. I trust that I will often be permitted to meet with the Pleasant Hill church. Whenever we leave a church under such circumstances that a visit now and then will cheer and comfort the congregation, and make the minister feel good to associate with those, whom he knows respects and love him. Bro. Kilhefner is not a perfect stranger to the people as he has filled the pulpit there more than

once, and on one occasion held a short protracted meeting. There is quite a confidence already established between the pastor and people, which we hope will continue to increase with constant association. The success the brethren are having at this time of the year at Pleasant Hill, speaks highly for the influence which they wield in the community. The German Baptists, Christians and Methodists have all held meetings and met with success, and now the brethren are showing that they are not behind any of the others in influence in the community.

Bro. Bashor has been preaching in Dayton for the last two weeks. During our brother's effort here there has been one continual round of excitement and attraction going on in the city. Before Bro. Bashor's meetings became thoroughly advertised and before the people could get acquainted with him, the State encampment of the G. A. R. commenced. This continued several days, and then came the annual meeting of the Odd Fellows of Ohio. After this the centennial anniversary of the inauguration of Washington came around. Thus one thing after another seemed to attract the public from religious matters. Yet with all this, be it told to the credit of our brother's ability to attract a congregation, there was not one evening when there was not a respectable congregation. On several occasions, notably the evening on which he preached on baptism, the house was well filled, and we may say crowded. The old subject of baptism still attracts a large crowd, if it is properly advertised. This old subject will always be interesting. Notwithstanding the many theories extant, the public are still anxiously waiting for all the evidence that can be produced in favor of the Apostolic mode.

It is superfluous for me to state that our brother did justice to the subject, and that his doctrinal sermons, especially that on baptism raised quite a breeze.

The meetings closed last Friday evening, and he announced his intention to return some time about the first of June, and hold meetings in a tent somewhere in the city.

Although there were no additions to the church, yet the Dayton brethren are not discouraged, but on the contrary they think those meetings have been the means of placing us prominently before the people, and thus be of immense benefit.

EDWARD MASON.

Mt. Olive, Va.

Our worthy Bro. and Deacon, G. A. Copp, has been confined to his bed for about a week. Bro. J. W. Hockman and myself, returning from Maurertown, where I preached, we called in to see him and was made to rejoice to see him sitting in his chair and in a fair way to be out in a few days.

Bro. Copp, some time in the past was called to the ministry, but owing to his ill health he has

not yet responded to the call. We would be glad if he could again enjoy good health. 1st, he is a deserving man; and, 2nd, that he might become instrumental in the hands of God in saving many precious souls.

I spent Saturday night, the 13th, with Bro. Dave Crabill. He resides on the river a few miles from here. I had a pleasant talk with him. The tenor of our conversation was the work that is before us for the ensuing year, and the general welfare of the church. Owing to their little sick daughter, I did not get to talk much, but expect to meet them soon again and have the pleasure of talking to them.

I had the pleasure of being present at the Union Sunday School in Maurertown, on last Lord's Day. I found a good interest manifested there. They have a good school. I think the officers and teachers deserve much credit for working up and keeping up such a good interest. It is an honor to the whole school, town and vicinity. Its superintendent is Bro. Philips, one of our worthy deacons Bro. William Wisman, of St. Luke, has been doing some preaching in response to a call made by this charge. He is, comparatively speaking, a young man, and we believe that in the near future he will aid greatly in advancing the great cause of Christ, for I believe he has the ability and nerve to declare the whole counsel of God.

I would say in regard to the paper, let us all lend a helping hand. All write who can write, and we will all be encouraged and benefitted. May the Lord help us as a body to work together for good.

J. F. KOONTZ.

Stauffers, Pa.

We had our prayer and social meeting at this place on Wednesday evening, May 1st, with Bro. Murray as our leader, and a glorious good meeting we had. Two were baptized and one more manifested a willingness to serve the Lord by rising to his feet just before the meeting closed and asking the prayers of God's people in his behalf. We have good hopes of more to follow soon. Glory to God in the highest.

STEPHEN HILDEBRAND.

Annual Meeting of the German Baptists at Harrisonburg, Va.

The Annual Meeting of the German Baptist Church will be held at Harrisonburg, Va., on June 11th. The B. & O. R. R. is the only line running into Harrisonburg. No other line can reach it.

The rates via the B. & O. R. R. will be as low as via any other line, and it is the short and direct line. Be sure your tickets read via B. & O. R. R. Take no other. Ask your nearest ticket agent for a ticket via the B. & O. R. R. If he has none, pay your fare to the nearest B. & O. station where you can procure tickets. The B. & O. will run through coaches to Harrisonburg.

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